

***Staphylococcus aureus*, Strain A950206**

Catalog No. NR-45987

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Staphylococcaceae*, *Staphylococcus*

Species: *Staphylococcus aureus*

Strain: A950206

NARSA Catalog Number: NRS188

Original Source: *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*), strain A950206 was isolated in 1995 from pus associated with osteitis and/or osteomyelitis of a 42-year-old male in France.¹

Comments: *S. aureus*, strain A950206 is an exotoxin-producing, methicillin-sensitive *S. aureus* (MSSA) strain. *S. aureus*, strain A950206 was deposited as negative for *mec*; positive for the enterotoxin gene cluster (*egc*) operon, staphylococcal enterotoxins genes *sed* and *sej*, the hemolysin genes *hla*, *hnb*, *hld* and *hlgv* and the leukocidin genes *lukE* and *lukD*; MLST sequencing type (ST) 1447; eGenomic *spa* type 903, eGenomic *spa* repeats UMDMGMK; Ridom *spa* type t6709; *agr* group II.¹ Note: Methicillin is no longer clinically used, however, the terms methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) and methicillin-sensitive *S. aureus* (MSSA) continue to be used to describe the susceptibility of *S. aureus* strains to the penicillins.

S. aureus is a Gram-positive, cluster-forming coccus that normally inhabits human nasal passages, skin and mucus membranes. It is also a human pathogen and causes a variety of pus-forming infections as well as food-poisoning and toxic shock syndrome. In 1961, two years after the introduction of methicillin, a penicillinase-resistant penicillin, *S. aureus* developed methicillin-resistance due to acquisition of the *mecA* gene. Subsequently, MRSA infections have become widespread in both hospital and community settings.² As compared to MSSA infections, MRSA infections tend to have more complications such as a higher recurrence rate and higher mortality.³⁻⁵

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Tryptic Soy broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

Note: If homogeneity is required for your intended use, please purify prior to initiating work.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-45987 was packaged aseptically in cryovials. The product is provided frozen and should be stored at -60°C or colder immediately upon arrival. For long-term storage, the vapor phase of a liquid nitrogen freezer is recommended. Freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided.

Growth Conditions:

Media:

Brain Heart Infusion broth or Tryptic Soy broth or equivalent
Brain Heart Infusion agar or Tryptic Soy agar with 5% defibrinated sheep blood or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C
Atmosphere: Aerobic

Propagation:

1. Keep vial frozen until ready for use, then thaw.
2. Transfer the entire thawed aliquot into a single tube of broth.
3. Use several drops of the suspension to inoculate an agar slant and/or plate.
4. Incubate the tube, slant and/or plate at 37°C for 18 to 24 hours.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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